

Application Serial No. 10/060,561
Attorney Docket No. VI/99-020

REMARKS

This is in response to the Final Action mailed on October 11, 2005. Claims 9, 22, 23 and 39 have been amended. Claims 28-30 have been canceled without disclaimer or prejudice to presenting in this or a later-filed application. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by this Amendment.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants submitted an IDS on January 6, 2004 (post card receipt dated January 8, 2004), but has yet to receive an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 submitted therewith. Applicants request the Examiner to initial the noted Form PTO-1449 and to return an initialed copy to the undersigned attorney of record with the next office correspondence.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of Claims 7, 8, 11-13, 16-21, 27, 33-38, 40 and 41.

Claim Objections

The Final Action objected to Claims 9, 10, 23, 24, 31, 32 and 39 due to a number of informalities. To overcome the noted objections, Applicants have amended (1) Claim 9 to specify that the alarm is a type of indicator, (2) Claims 22 and 23 to positively recite a step of detecting extravasation; and (3) Claim 39 to specify an alarm to provide an indication of the occurrence of extravasation.

Applicants submit that the above amendments to Claim 9, 22, 23 and 39 overcome the noted deficiencies, and that the objections thereto should be withdrawn.

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Prior Art Rejection

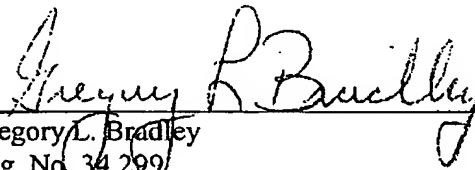
The Final Action rejected Claim 22 and 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Unger et al ('438) in view of Atkins. This rejection is respectfully moot in view of the inclusion of allowable subject matter into Claim 22.

Specifically, Applicants have amended Claim 22, without disclaimer or prejudice, to substantially include the limitations set forth in allowable Claim 40 and Claims 28-30 (which have been cancelled). Consequently, Applicants submit that amended Claim 22 defines over the prior art of record and is therefore in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of the claims, indicate the allowability of the claims and arrange for an official Notice of Allowance to be issued in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 9, 2006



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